



# **Joint American University of Sovereign Nations (AUSN) - Bangladesh Bioethics Society (BBS) Intensive Training Workshop on Bioethics**

IEDCR (Institute of Epidemiology, Disease Control and Research) Auditorium,  
Dhaka, Bangladesh  
**15-16 July 2017**

## **Draft Agenda and Background<sup>1</sup>**

Convened by the Bangladesh Bioethics Society; American University of Sovereign Nations (AUSN), USA, and Eubios Ethics Institute, Thailand, Japan and New Zealand; in collaboration of Director General of Health Service (DGHS), Ministry of Health of Bangladesh. The training will be led by **Professor Darryl Macer**, President, American University of Sovereign Nations (AUSN), and Director of the Masters Program in Bioethics and Global Public Health (MBGPH), and the Doctoral Program in Bioethics, Sustainability and Global Public Health (Ph.D.); and **Professor Shamima Lasker**, General Secretary, Bangladesh Bioethics Society; Professor and Head, MH Samorita Medical College, and AUSN Clinical Professor of Anatomy, Dentistry and Bioethics.

There will be other professors and professionals from a range of fields with intensive bioethics training and mentoring on professional presentation, teaching and research skills. There will also be graduation presentations for MBGPH, MPH degrees, and PhD proposal defense presentations.

This training will count as credit hours for the AUSN degrees, and one of residential Intensive Training Programs to graduate from the AUSN programs. Participants can take it as a stand-alone professional development course as well, though having a degree in this emerging field should increase your salary and job opportunities! There are substantial tuition support programs available making the fees affordable, bring your documents with you in case you decide to apply. Interviews with applicants will be conducted by Professor Macer on the evening of the 15 July, and morning of 16 July, along with research supervision for AUSN students, around the formal agenda. The AUSN MBGPH program is an innovative bioethics graduate program started in 2014, which has the highest student population of any Masters in Bioethics program globally. Faculty come from all around the world, and are global thought leaders, dedicated to a transformation of the quality of teaching and research in bioethics globally with a decolonised approach to wisdom.

Register with your background to:

Prof. Darryl Macer, President, AUSN, Email: [Darryl@eubios.info](mailto:Darryl@eubios.info) and  
Prof. Shamima Lasker, General Secretary, BBS, Email: [splasker04@yahoo.com](mailto:splasker04@yahoo.com)

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<sup>1</sup> Draft agenda of 29 June 2017. Further presentations will be considered.

## Draft Agenda

Note: There will be extensive discussion sessions after each presentation – you do not need to be an expert to join this conference, all levels of professional experience and interest are welcome. You do not need to be associated with AUSN or BBS to join.

## Saturday, 15 July 2017

8:30 Registration

### **9:00-10:00 Inauguration**

**Welcome address**, Prof. Taslima Monsoor, Professor & Dean, Dept of Law, University of Dhaka; President, Bangladesh Bioethics Society

**The History and Future of Bangladesh Bioethics Society**, Prof. Shamima Lasker, MH Samorita Medical College, Dhaka; General Secretary, Bangladesh Bioethics Society

**Brief about Dr Darryl Macer**, Prof Arif Hossain, Professor & Course Coordinator, Dept of Human Rights, Etrat University, Iran; Vice President, Bangladesh Bioethics Society

**What we can do with a Bioethics Degree: Update after the first 50 graduates from AUSN Bioethics and Global Public Health degree programs**, Prof. Darryl Macer, President, AUSN

10:00-10:15 Refreshments

### **10:15-13:00 Bioethics Research**

**Core curriculum for publication ethics**, Prof. Shamima Lasker, MH Samorita Medical College (AUSN PhD student)

**Ethical and Gender Dimension of Social Exclusion and Marginalization: In a Context of Global Public Health and Social Inequality**, Dr. Nazneen Akhtar, North South University (AUSN PhD student)

**Improving end-of-life care in hospitals: a qualitative analysis of health care providers and bereaved families' experiences and suggestions**, Dr. Shahanaz Chowdhury, Bangladesh University of Health Sciences (AUSN PhD student)

**Ethics of Financial Interactions of Pharmaceutical Companies with Students and Medics**, Dr. Tonmoy Biswas, MBGPH; Secretary of AUSN Alumni Association

13:00-14:00 lunch

### **14:00-17:00 AUSN Masters Degree Proposal Defenses [Titles to confirm] from:**

**Awareness on Ethics of Medical Professionals** - Dr. Mahmood-Uz-Jahan (MBGPH candidate), Director, Bangladesh Medical Research Council

**Title to confirm** - Dr Fariha Haseen (MBGPH candidate), Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University

**Ethics and Orthodontics** - Md. Rana Parvez (MPH candidate)

**Title to confirm** - Mr. Sheikh Khayeruzzaman (MBGPH candidate). Bangladesh Press Academy

17:00 – 18:00 **The Linkages of Bioethics, Public Health Ethics and Environmental Ethics** - Prof. Darryl Macer, President, American University of Sovereign Nations

[Note a graduation photo for those completing their Postgraduate Certificate and Masters degrees, and other AUSN Alumni, and AUSN students, will be taken on Sunday]

There will be interviews and guidance for prospective students to AUSN with Darryl Macer after the conference

## **Sunday, 16 July 2017**

### **9:00-12:00 Bioethics and Methodology**

*Making Choices, Diversity and Bioethics*, Prof. Darryl Macer

*Social assistance and Solutions for Child Beggars in Bangladesh* – Tarana Ahmed,  
Bangladesh (AUSN PhD student)

*Methodology of Writing a PhD in Bioethics*, Prof. Darryl Macer

### **12:00 – 13:00 Roundtable on the Role of Ethics Committees in fostering Research**

*13:00-14:00 lunch*

### **14:00-17:00 AUSN PhD Proposal Defenses [Titles to confirm] from:**

*Title to confirm* - Prof. Shahana Dastagir

*Soul, Death, Barzach and the Hereafter----Islamic Perspectives* - Prof. Arif Hossain,  
Professor, Dept of Human Rights, Etrat University

*Title to confirm* - Dr. Namita Shanbhag, India

*Title to confirm* - Mr. Muhammad Ziaul Huq,

### **17:00 – 18:00 AUSN Graduation Ceremony and Photograph**

DG, ADG, and Director will also be present

*Post conference* – there will also be chances to discuss with Prof, Macer about entry to the AUSN programmes

### **Conference and Course Learning Objectives**

- (1) Identify ethical dilemmas through different lens, including those of gender lens, ability studies, and the perspectives of indigenous communities.
- (2) Apply the principles of bioethics and sustainability to real situations.
- (3) Think and write critically about these issues from the perspectives of persons of different genders, cultures, ages and abilities, including indigenous peoples.
- (4) Apply knowledge of cultural values in different communities to bioethical dilemmas.
- (5). Understand types of Bioethics Committees, procedures and processes.
- (6). Access relevant ethics literature, policies, guidelines, and standards.
- (7) Apply basic principles of ethical analysis to issues of public health practice and policy.
- (8) Describe the roles of history, power, privilege and structural inequality in producing health disparities; and understand health care and social systems.
- (9). Identify the role of social and community factors in both the onset and solution of public health problems.